

FINAL MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Wednesday, October 10th 2018 12:00 P.M.

Bartlett Regional Hospital
Administrative Building – Executive Lounge 3rd Floor, Juneau, AK
(Questions Call – 586-0419)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dan Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:02

Roll Call by Dan Garcia

Quorum established.

Members Present:

Rob Edwardson, Scott Erickson, Destiny Sargeant, Kim McDowell, Bill Legere, Andrew Bogar, Chip Wagoner, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Paul Khera, Zachariah Fisher, Michelle Brown.

Members Absent:

David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Todd Cameron, Lindsey Peterson, Tonia Montez, Mikko Wilson, Joel Curtis, Tom Mattice

Others Present:

Elaine Hickey-DHSS/PH, Andrew Ahlstrom-SEARHC, Arley Paulus of US Forest Service, Craig Cottrell – UAS Emergency Management Planner, Delsey Rodriguez-Red Cross (delsey.rodriguez@redcross.org), Bridget Thomson (bridget.thomson@redcross.org)

II. AGENDA CHANGES

Presentation from AEL&P added to New Business, and given prior to reports - Christy Yearous, PE, to talk about Salmon Creek Dam Siren and a discussion.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 12, 2018 Minutes approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

- Craig Cottrell: UAS is in planning stage for an exercise anticipated to be held around the first two weeks of June. The exercise is to test emergency management capabilities and functionality of existing plans. Sitka and Ketchikan will have simultaneous exercises. They are looking for participation from interested parties. Breadth of participation will determine the scale of the exercise. The Red Cross will be asked to assist in sheltering. Tom Mattice, JPD, and CCFR were recommended as good resources to assist with disaster exercise planning.
- Dr. Richard Welling of Valley Medical reached out to the Juneau LEPC for their assistance with contracting a Violent Intruder Vulnerability Assessment, developing

a Violent Intruder Plan, and training for their staff. He explained that recent training he had attended initiated concern on his part because.

- Valley Medical prescribes and dispenses patient medication
- Patients with addiction and pain issues can become violent
- Their facility has not planned for a violent intruder event
- Their facility has no training or experience on what to do in this type of event

JPD offered to assist with a Vulnerability Assessment, assessing their control systems, and ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate) Training.

The Committee advised that a Facility Assessment was necessary to begin developing an EAP. Others on the committee also offered assistance BRH thru significant understanding in this area, the Red Cross has a software program to help entities create a safety program/EAP.

V. REPORTS

A. CBJ Happenings:

1. FEMA Disaster Shelter inventory/cleaning/organization is on hold until Tom is back.
2. LEPC Annual Report to the HRC is due. Michelle asked if Monday December 17 would work. Dan will advise once he checks his schedule.
3. The CBJ Boards has a new Online Application and Renewal Process - LEPC has 3 year terms and if one joins part way into a term, he/she is on that 3 year cycle. This year's appointments that are up for renewal are Bill Legere, Daniel Garcia, Mikko Wilson, Nicholas Zito, Karen Wood, and Ed Williams. Bill Legere advised the Mikko would not reapply and that Bill would assist with outreach to assure broad Media representation.
4. Free flu shots: Will not be offered free this year unless we can get partners to, provide the vaccine and give shots. The public has reached out to Emergency Programs asking for these shots because it is vulnerability. Due to turnover PH does not have planners at this time but could help with nurses and vaccines for those that met their criteria. Dr. Welling asked how Valley Medical could assist. Michelle asked the group to let her know their ideas.

B. Elected Official Report by Rob Edwardson:

1. The election has produced 4 new Assembly members. It is likely a new Assembly representative will be assigned to the LEPC Committee. Rob expressed appreciation for being part of this dedicated group.
2. The next meeting conflicts with Alaska Muni League, so no Assembly representative will be at the Juneau LEPC in November.
3. The USCG can assist anyone in the community with developing/updating Contingency Plans and all aspects of disaster planning.

- C. BRH Report – Advised the LEPC that they are putting together a work group to develop a mass casualty drill. More to come...

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Christie Yearous, PE, V.P. and Power Generation Engineer (Dam Safety Engineer) of AEL&P Salmon Creek Dam will conduct their biannual siren test Thursday, 11-11:30am, October 11, 2018:

- The dam is used for power generation, city water, and DIPAC hatchery. Dam construction began in April 1913 and was completed in Aug 1914. Repair work was conducted in 1967 and it is currently in good condition.
- Salmon Creek is designated as a high hazard dam. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requires public utilities to be prepared for disasters.
- AEL&P conducts a call down drill annually.
- Every 5 years an outside consultant does an evaluation and comes up with a list of repairs or upgrades for AEL&P. AEL&P is required to change out the consultants at every such inspection to keep a fresh set of eyes on the dam. The last inspection was conducted in 2017 and the dam got a clean bill of health.
- Additionally there is continuous monitoring and reporting of dam. Dam integrity is also monitored through wires embedded in concrete that sound alarm if they break. In 2013 a dam cam was installed. It is focused on the weakest point at the top of the dam, and feeds info thru the website every 5 minutes.
- All issues are reported to system dispatch, i.e. lake elevation, shut-off controls, penstock pressure, stream levels. Dispatch is staffed 24/7/365.
- The dam is 168' tall, 37.5 feet thick at bottom and 6' thick at top. There is a 30-inch pipe to get water out fast without causing a flood. The risk of a dam break is very, very low. AEL&P plans to a worst-case scenario. A complete failure is unlikely, but would result in water reaching street level in 12 minutes and water levels reaching a flood level within 30 minutes.
- If things go wrong, they can quickly activate the emergency action plan (EAP). The EAP contains information such as who to notify and how to respond. It is a fully functioning notification system. A report of notification performance is required by FERC every year. A full functional test of the EAP is conducted every 5 years.
- Dam condition codes:
 - Green – release water
 - Yellow – call Emergency Programs (Tom Mattice) and discuss awareness level options
 - Red – dam is failing and we need to evacuate people.

- There are 2 sirens, one at Northland Building and one at the hospital. After a dam break, an electrical outage is anticipated. VHF activates sirens on independent batteries that are tested annually.
- Evacuation points are the hospital, Jack's Plumbing and Heating, and Dipak. The hospital is outside the floodplain.
- The Egan Expressway and the associated bridge are most vulnerable infrastructure.

All around, that dam engineer gave a pretty good dam presentation and left the impression that her dam employer, AEL&P, was on top of their dam game.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019 Preparedness Expo – discussion bumped it to next meeting due to time constraints.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

A. LEPC Seat & Bylaws Changes (Approved at January 2018 LEPC meeting)

No progress to report at this time.

- Addition of Health Seat
- Vulnerable Populations Seat title change to Access & Functional Needs

B. CERT Certification – on hold until we find an active coordinator.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Contact Tom Mattice 586-0419

A. FEMA Shelter Supplies – Cleaning cots was a lot of fun and it was nice to see the shelter.

B. DHSS-2018 Hale Borealis Conference and LEPCA meeting. Oct. 23-26, Anchorage

IX. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 – 12:00 pm, - Location BRH Administrative Bldg. Executive Lounge

**Regular Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month*

X. ADJOURNMENT at 12:57